



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**NORTH AIKEN ELEMENTARY/PINECREST**  
**Aiken**  
**Grades: PK-5** **Enrollment: 507**  
**Principal: Rhonda D. Ray**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**  
**Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

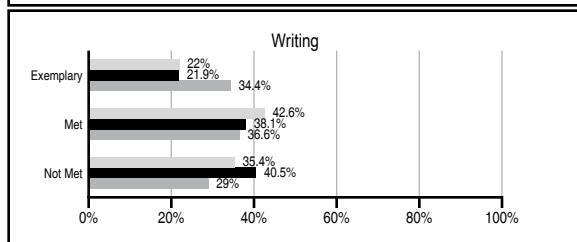
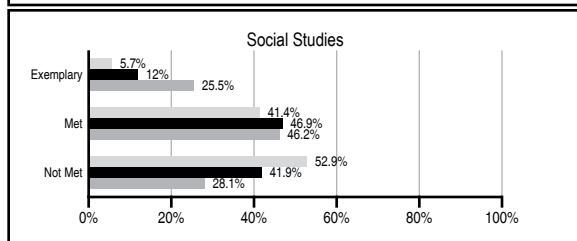
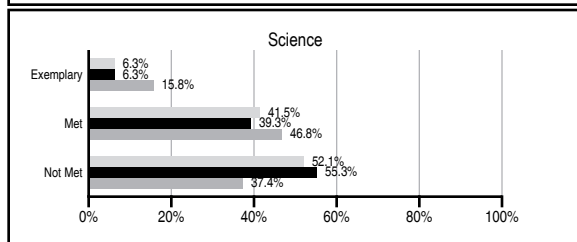
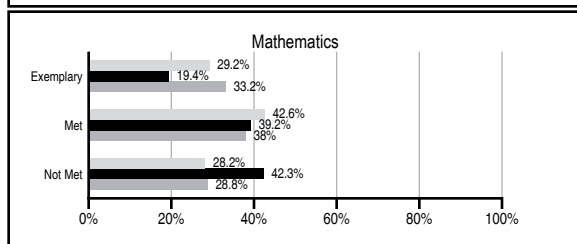
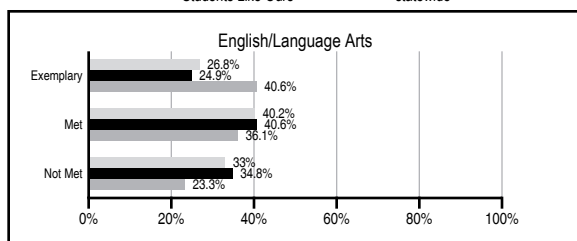
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	4	80	57	23

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

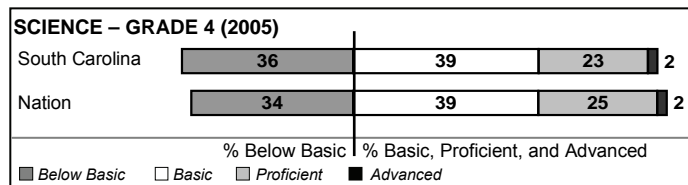
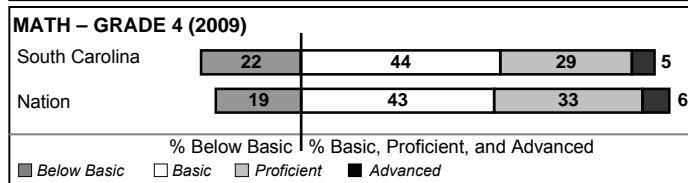
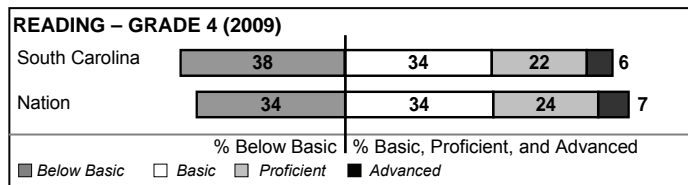
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=507)</b>				
Retention rate	0.6%	Down from 5.6%	1.5%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.4%	95.9%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.2%	Up from 3.7%	4.4%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	10.5%	Up from 10.3%	8.4%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 1.9%	0.8%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=39)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.4%	Up from 46.9%	60.0%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	92.3%	Up from 79.6%	78.8%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 92.1%	83.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	90.2%	Down from 93.5%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,655	Down 0.7%	\$45,504	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Down from 2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.9 days	Down from 9.1 days	10.6 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.1 to 1	Up from 15.3 to 1	17.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.2%	Down from 92.8%	90.4%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,197	Down 4.2%	\$8,757	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.6%	Down from 73.9%	68.1%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.4%	Up from 55.2%	62.5%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	61	47
Percent satisfied with learning environment	44.8%	88.3%	76.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	69.0%	91.8%	84.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	41.4%	100.0%	74.5%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2009-10 school year at North Aiken Elementary School proved to be a great year for the students, teachers, staff, and parents. There were successes as well as challenges. The school was a recipient of the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant. The school was also awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant (CCLC). We partnered with Aiken Families In Transition to provide initiatives that will increase the quality of students' academic success, youth development, family support, and literacy education. The students in the 21st CCLC have participated in a variety of educational and fun activities to include Assignment Earth: Dinner Theater, field trip to Charleston, production of Cinderella, robotics, karate, and physical fitness. North Aiken partnered with Clemson Extension to offer the SNAP-Ed Program to kindergarten and first grade students. The students were engaged in nutrition and wellness activities. Fifth grade girls had an opportunity to take part in Girl Circle sponsored by Aiken Youth Empowerment. The girls were taught about making positive choices.

North Aiken continued its partnership with the University of South Carolina Aiken as a Professional Development School for early childhood practicum students. The teachers at North Aiken continued to provide quality education based on best practices. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) was utilized as an assessment tool to assist teachers in providing individualized and small group instruction for students. Teachers provided Spring Break Packets with grade-level, standards-based activities in math and reading for students to practice during their break. North Aiken met AYP and scored Average for the Absolute and Improvement Ratings. The last time the school scored Average in both ratings was 2001. The school's percentage of African American students and students on subsidized meals exceeded the district's and state's percentages of African American students and students on subsidized meals in the areas of writing, ELA, and math.

A motivational speaker was instrumental in the back to school kickoff. He provided a powerful message for students, parents, teachers, and staff. He returned to North Aiken in April to provide encouragement to students and professional development to teachers for test preparation. There were various opportunities for parents and family members to participate in parenting events. Some of the major parenting events for 2009-2010 included the following: Grands Are Great, Empowering Dads Breakfast, Empowering Moms Breakfast, Literacy Night, and Art Extravaganza. Family members were also encouraged to participate in the North Aiken Community Events. The following are some of the community events: Bowling Night at Park Avenues Lane, Library Night at the Public Library, and Science Education Enrichment Day (S.E.E.D) at USCA.

We thank the students, teachers, staff, and parents for a great year. We look forward to continuing to work together to meet the needs of the students. We encourage input from parents, community members, teachers, staff, and students.

Rhonda D. Ray, Principal  
Adrienne Harris, SIC Chairperson

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